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CARTEL 1's Trips to Holland

1. With the aid of an exit-entry permit, procured by the undersigned, CARTEL 1 has thrice traveled to Holland allegedly merely for the purpose of lecturing to students at the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Seminary at Koolinberg (phonetic). Since CARTEL 1 is an ordained priest and did teach at the seminary while it was located in Germany, i.e., up to 1948, the purpose of the trip is plausible. Could, however, a discreet check be made at the seminary to ascertain whether:

a. CARTEL 1 actually lives at the seminary for the whole two weeks of each trip;

b. CARTEL 1 actually lectures there;

c. There are any persons of intelligence interest connected with this seminary with whom CARTEL 1 confers; and

d. CARTEL 1's movements inside Holland suggest that he is using the teaching job at the seminary merely as a cover for other activities.

2. Whatever checks are made should be discreet, although it would not be in any way disastrous if CARTEL 1 should discover that we are tracing his movements. We see, however, no reason why the Dutch should guess that we are keeping tabs on one of our own sources. Probably a check directly at the seminary to see whether CARTEL 1 is listed on the faculty would be in order.

3. The purpose of this check can be defined as an attempt to verify our hypothesis that we are the only outfit with whom CARTEL 1 has any serious intelligence contact. Since late November 1949, when we intercepted the report by CARTEL 1 that he had been destined for the British, we have adequate reason for making such a check. The case of Car has a hunch that CARTEL 1 may have found a patron of sorts in Holland, for in winter 1949-50, he once let fall the statement that he did not see what objections we could possibly have if his organization should accept a monetary gift from say, "a rich person in Belgium."

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anxious to back a worthy anti-Soviet cause".

4. In principle the case officer favors CARTEL's trips to Holland which will probably continue at the rate of once every other month as long as the school year at Koolinberg lasts. The Ukrainian emigration in Munich is convinced that CARTEL 1 stays in Holland practically all the time. This serves to throw the Banders people off the scent since it must be assumed that the latter believe that the partisans, whose arrival in Austria was so publicized, are now in the custody of CARTEL 1's group.

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